

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 804

By Baum

A RESOLUTION to commend Gordon Ferguson for his honorable and astute service on the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm as public servants in education; and

WHEREAS, representing the Fourth Congressional District, Gordon Ferguson is one such individual, who has been an invaluable asset as a member of the State Board of Education and recently completed his appointed term of office; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure on the State Board of Education, Mr. Ferguson distinguished himself as a knowledgeable voice and stalwart advocate for public education in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Gordon Ferguson has served as president and chief executive officer of Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital since 2006 and president of Saint Thomas Regional Hospitals since 2015; and

WHEREAS, having accumulated more than twenty years of healthcare experience, Mr. Ferguson has been named one of *Business Tennessee* magazine's top twenty-five hospital operators in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, he was named one of *Nashville Business Journal's* Healthcare Heroes as well as the *Daily News Journal's* Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Ferguson received a bachelor's degree in business administration with honors from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and a master's degree in hospital and health administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to serving the needs of his community, Mr. Ferguson is a board member and executive committee member of the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon

Counties; a board member of the American Heart Association, Rutherford County; the Business Education Partnership Foundation; Leadership Middle Tennessee; Alive Hospice Murfreesboro Advisory Board; and the Franklin Synergy Bank Community Board; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the boards of the University of Tennessee Knoxville Alumni Association; the University of Tennessee President's Council; the University of Alabama-Birmingham Graduate Program in Healthcare Administration Alumni Board; and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, which he served as president in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Ferguson is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful educational community as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Gordon Ferguson for his honorable and astute service as a member of the State Board of Education, commend his ongoing commitment to public service, and thank him for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.